

In The Claims

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Please cancel claims 1-13 without prejudice.

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Please amend claims 14 and 18 as shown below. A marked-up version of these changes is attached to this Amendment.

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14. (Amended) An automobile interior molded panel comprising:
a rigid substrate;
a composite pad comprising a non-impregnable layer and an impregnable layer;
and
a cover skin disposed over and bonded to the substrate and the pad.

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18. (Amended) The panel of claim 17 wherein at least portions of the rigid substrate is present throughout the impregnable layer.

Please add new claim 21.

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21. (New) The panel of claim 18 wherein at least a portion of the rigid substrate is adjacent to the sides of the impregnable layer.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the present Amendment is respectfully requested. The present Amendment amends claims 14 and 18. No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Claims 1-13, which were previously withdrawn, have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional patent application containing those claims. Claims 14-20 are pending.

Applicants have amended claim 14 in response to the Examiner's objection to claim 14. Applicants' amendment obviates the Examiner's objection.